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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 92, beginning at line 1 with the following:

The most preferred technetium radiopharmaceuticals of the present invention are comprised of a hydrazido or diazenido bonding unit and two types of ancillary designated A_{L1} and A_{L2} , or a diaminedithiol chelator. The second type of ancillary ligands A_{L2} are comprised of one or more soft donor atoms selected from the group: phosphine phosphorus, arsine arsenic, imine nitrogen (sp^2 hybridized), sulfur (sp^2 hybridized) and carbon (sp hybridized); atoms which have p-acid character. Ligands A_{L2} can be monodentate, bidentate or tridentate, the denticity is defined by the number of donor atoms in the ligand. One of the two donor atoms in a bidentate ligand and one of the three donor atoms in a tridentate ligand must be a soft donor atom. We have disclosed in co-pending U.S. Patent No. 5,744,122, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/013360, now US-B-5,879,659, ~~and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/646,886,~~ the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety, that radiopharmaceuticals comprised of one or more ancillary or co-ligands A_{L2} are more stable compared to radiopharmaceuticals that are not comprised of one or more ancillary ligands, A_{L2} ; that is, they have a minimal number of isomeric forms, the relative ratios of which do not change significantly with time, and that remain substantially intact upon dilution.